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SUBJ: STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST BUS FARE HIKES

1. FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY, CALI UNIVERSITY AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MARCHED IN THE STREETS, HELD RALLIES, AND STONED BUSES

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TO PROTEST THE RISE FROM ONE PESO TO TWO PESOS IN THE FARES ABOARD LOCAL "BUSES" (SMALLER BUSES NOW HIGHLY POPULAR BECAUSE OF THEIR MORE EXTENSIVE ROUTES AND FREQUENT SERVICE).

2. DAS AND F-2 OFFICIALS ESTIMATED THE SIZE OF TODAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS AT BETWEEN 3000 AND 5000, AND IDENTIFIED PARTICIPANTS AS BEING FROM A SPECTRUM OF CALI UNIVERSITIES, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS. POLICE IDENTIFIED SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AS ELEMENTS OF THE JUVENTUD COMUNISTA (JUCO) AND THE JUVENTUD PATRIOTICA (JUPAT), ANOTHER COMMUNIST GROUP. STUDENTS ARE PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY THE RAISED FARES, AS MANY HAVE COME TO DEPEND ON BUSES FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM LOCAL CAMPUSES.

3. CLASHES BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND POLICE HAVE BEEN MINIMAL AND INJURIES FEW, BUT SERIOUS DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO NUMEROUS BUSES PELTED WITH STONES BY DEMONSTRATORS, WITH CONSEQUENT DANGER TO BUS PASSENGERS. SEVERAL BUS COMPANIES HAVE SUSPENDED SERVICE. DAS AND F-2 SOURCES EXPECT THE DISTURBANCES TO CON-
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TINUE UNTIL FARES ARE ADJUSTED, AND ARE PREPARING FORCES TO

QUELL FURTHER VIOLENCE, AND DISRUPTIONS.

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